RESULTS OF ELECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE P. W. D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

President: The following are the results of the elections held last evening:—

Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. N. Krishna Aiyar secured 13 votes, and Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail 12; Mr. N. Krishna Aiyar is declared duly elected.

The Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai having secured the largest number of votes is declared duly elected.

The P. W. D. Advisory Committee.

Messrs. A. Easwara Pillai, Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi and M. Govindan secured 22, 17 and 10 votes respectively.

Messrs. Easwara Pillai and Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi are declared duly elected.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

The Travancore Krishnanvaka Marumakkathayee Bill.

Mr. James Fletcher: Sir, I beg to move that the verbal amendments to the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: I second it.

Mr. A. Easwara Pillai (Co-opted): I oppose the motion.

President: I just want to know whether the honourable member opposes the substitution of the words 'by' for the word 'as', whether he really prefers the present ungrammatical language. Because, at the present stage, except such verbal amendments, nothing else is possible with regard to the Bill.

Mr. A. Easwara Pillai (Co-opted): Sir, the Bill was dealt with by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 4th July. Only a very short space of time has elapsed since then, and the proceedings of the Assembly have not yet been made available to us. Therefore, I move, that the further consideration of the Bill be postponed till the proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly are placed before us.

President: I overrule that objection on the ground that the amendments now proposed are mere verbal amendments intended to correct small mistakes committed by that well known agency or personage called the printer's devil. In those circumstances, that the honourable member should require the proceedings of the Assembly to be placed before him so that he may consider these verbal amendments, is a request so unreasonable that I overrule it.

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